

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

As a result of this amendment, which amends claims 59, 113, 126, 128, 135 and 149-150, cancels claims 29-32, 43-58, 85-86, 91-92, 95-98, 105, 109-110, 114-119 and 122-125 and adds new claims 157-176, claims 1-28, 33-42, 59-84, 87-90, 93-94, 99-104, 106-108, 111-113, 120-121, 126-176 are now pending. Of these, all but new claims 157-176 were subject to the Restriction Requirement.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant elects Group VII, which includes previously pending claims 126-147 and new claims 158-164. Additionally, applicant submits respectfully that new claim 158 links the claims of Group VII to those of Group I. Section 809 of the MPEP states that "linking claims must be examined with the invention elected, and should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn." Accordingly, the claims of Group I remain pending.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call its patent counsel Eduardo Drake at (612) 349-9593 to resolve any questions regarding this Response or to otherwise expedite prosecution of this application.

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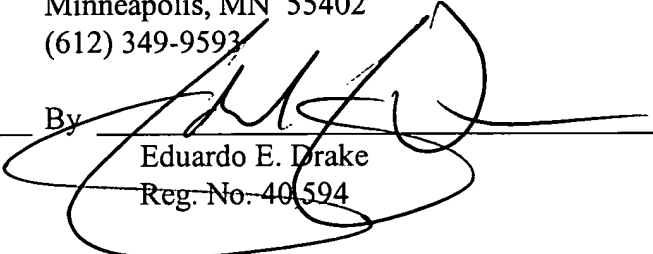
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